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The Church and Field.

Bro. Mason's little "Miami Valley", this week is full of spirit.

Eld. J. W. Beer and family are now living in Stockton, California, near the northwest corner of Sonora and Grant streets. All mail should be addressed to him as above.

By some misunderstanding, brethren Perry and Kilheiner both went to North Liberty to preach, Sunday 17th. They did not quarrel though: they are Brethren.

Attend the Northern Ohio Sunday School Convention, at Fair Haven Meeting house, Wayne county Ohio, May 29th, and 30th. Children's Meeting on the 31st.

The Brethren at Lanark, Ill., report success: preaching every Lord's day with improving congregations. Bro. Swihart will hold a series of meetings commencing about June 1st.

The article in this issue entitled, "Eighth of Acts," was was all written on one page of a sheet of common note, or small letter paper. Bro. Martin's one-page articles reach a good ways.

Brother H. R. Holsinger returned from Milford, Indiana, last week. He reported good meetings, and on Saturday left for the Annual Meeting of the Old Order Brethren.

There will be a general exodus from Ashland toward the close of this week. The College term will end, and the Sunday School Convention at Fair Haven will take others away a few days.

Sister Julia A. Wood advances some sound and strong doctrine, in her article this week. We love the bravery that will say what is thought and rise above man-made barriers, to obey Christ and love the brethren.

Bro. G. W. Neff sends us a remittance for himself and friends, and says he would like to hear of many brethren sending papers to their friends. That is right. This is a variety of mission work that all can do, and the burden of publishing the paper with a limited patronage is divided, and made much easier for us. Sister Yost has also, within the last week, made an offering of this kind. We thank all, and hope the work will be blessed.

HOMER, OHIO, May 23.—The Brethren at Homer expect to hold a communion meeting on the 13th of June, at 7:30 P. M. Preaching the next day, morning and evening. The usual invitation is given. H. S. JACOBS.

TERRA ALTA, W. Va., May 22.—The time for our Sunday school Convention is Wednesday and Thursday, October 7th, and 8th. Brethren and Sisters and Sunday school workers throughout West Virginia and elsewhere, that expect to attend will please inform us immediately. We need all the help we can get. We want our Convention to be a success and brethren and sisters throughout the State should lend a helping hand. Won't you do so? S. W. WILT.

BLANCO, PA.—The Brethren church of the Cowanshannec District, will hold a communion meeting at the Cowanshannec meeting house, on the evening of June 13th. All of like precious faith are cordially invited to be with us and enjoy the meeting. J. B. WAMPLER.

CAMERON, W. VA.—The Fairview Church is in good working order, with a fine Sunday-school, and brother George Murray as Superintendent, with a full corps of good officers. I have arranged to visit the Tennile congregation the third Saturday in each month. This month I went the second Saturday, being called a week sooner for the purpose of baptizing an old lady who was quite unwell. She is the wife of Eli Grabel, who is a brother of Nancy Wise, wife of John Wise, of Kansas. We attended to the rite on the second Saturday of May. The old sister stood it remarkably well and she is now happy in a Savior's love. May the good Lord bless her abundantly in her afflictions, and give her a foretaste of heavenly bliss, and grant that if we are deprived of her association in the Church militant, that we may spend an eternal Sabbath day in praising God in the Church Triumphant, where all our afflictions shall have an end.

The following day the waters were again troubled, and we led a young sister into the pool and buried her to rise and walk in the newness of life. May the Lord guide her safely to a home in heaven.

May the blessings of heaven rest on the little flock in Washington county.

HENRY WISE.

MAUERTOWN, VA., May 21.—The Brethren of Roanoke County gave us an invitation to be with them at their feast on the 9th inst., which we accepted. This was our first visit to this little church. All were strangers to us in person, but we did not linger long with them until we found congenial spirits, and we just felt as though we always knew them. This is the terminus of the Brethren's organizations South. They are surrounded by Conservatives and Old Orders. We would like to have met some of the latter, for we cannot help but commend them for consistency, which cannot be said of all people. Last Sunday we tried to preach to the people and Brethren of Rockingham County, and in the morning service, sister Pounce gave her hand to us, fully recognizing no Law Giver but Christ. The Brethren were much pleased to welcome this faithful worker for Christ in their midst. We were deeply impressed, for well could we realize her struggle in sailing away from the mist of earthly mandates, and hoist the ensign of Gospel ruling. In the evening worship, one came forward for baptism. This is the place Bro. Bashor, one year ago, first waved the Gospel flag. There is a promising prospect for good work in this valley. The field is too large for the workers now engaged. Come, help us brethren. E. B. SHAVER.

Miami Valley.

The members of the Farmersville congregation met at brother Joseph Forney's near Twin Creek to-day. Fourteen were

received into the church—thirteen by baptism and one by a change of Church relations. This is a partial result of the last winter's campaign. There are others yet to be received. This was a glorious day of joy and thanksgiving. We met in the morning and enjoyed a social and religious feast. All those received into the church, except two, were heads of families. Praise the Lord. EDWARD MASON.

From California.

Although we are not making much of a stir or a great noise, we are still alive in California, and are trying to attend to our Master's bidding.

On the 9th of April, Elders George Wolfe, and J. P. Wolfe and your correspondent, went to the Chapperel Church on a mission of love, and to assist that congregation in a council meeting which was appointed for April, 11th, at 10 o'clock A. M. The 10th was spent in visiting some of the members, and on the 11th we met in council according to arrangement. There had been some serious trouble and unhappy estrangements among the members of that body. A terrible cloud hung over them which threatened great harm if not destruction. Several efforts had been made to adjust their difficulties, but they seemed to be in vain, and the membership was much discouraged. It was concluded, however, to make one more effort, and under the direction and blessing of the Father of love and mercy a happy reconciliation was effected, and a more glorious meeting I never attended. The Holy Spirit was present in every heart, and his power was displayed to the comfort and satisfaction of all present. It is indeed encouraging to be in such meetings and witness such manifestations of the love of God and the Gospel of Christ. In this case all the arbitrary decisions of ecclesiastical councils that were ever made could have effected no good; but the Gospel alone was all-sufficient.

In the evening brother J. P. Wolfe preached an interesting sermon to an attentive audience. On Sunday the 12th, uncle George, (as we all call him here,) did the same thing. We had a good meeting and at the close a dear brother was restored to fellowship in the church to the rejoicing of every heart. In the evening we had another very pleasant meeting, which concluded our labors at that place for that time, and we returned to our homes with glad and thankful hearts.

On the 16th of April we commenced a series of meetings at Lathrop, which continued one week. At our council on the 24th, the San Joaquin, Marsh Creek, and Chapperel churches were represented. It was decided to keep an evangelist in the field for another year; and every member expressed a willingness to assist in this work. A proposition was made to our present evangelist, which was accepted on condition that our missionary board could do no better within a specified time. Our board consists of brethren J. P. Wolfe, Jacob Shank and Henry Eby. The latter was the unseated standing committee man at the inglorious Arnold's Grove A. M. The representatives at our council from Marsh

Creek were C. E. Doty and Jno. Perret, of Altamont; and Thos. Morgan, of Antioch; and those from the Chapperel were Frank P. Mobley, Major Crewsdon and George Powell, all of Jenny Lind. Bro. Doty was elected Moderator, and brother Shank, Clerk. It was decided to canvass the churches to raise funds for the support of our evangelist, and also to ascertain whether it is the wish of the members to have a campmeeting next fall. Some other business was transacted which it is not necessary to state.

On the 25th we had our communion meeting, and it was such indeed—a meeting in which fellowship and love prevailed; and very becoming interest and solemnity were manifested on the part of all present. We felt that it was good to be there, and this seemed to be the feeling of all the members who took a part in the services.

Our meeting closed on the 26th. During brother Doty's stay with us he preached a few very interesting discourses for us, as he always does. Come again, brother Doty.

This is what they call a dry season in this country. It is common to have no rain from May to October, but this year, in many places there has been but little rain since last December, in consequence of this there are some dry spots. However, there will be considerable wheat harvested in California this year, and there will probably be nearly as much hay made as usual.

In conclusion, to gratify Bro. Mason's importunity concerning that sister's feet-washing, I will say it was an unusual case, and as the Gospel gives no specific directions to follow in such cases, it was done as the church—the local church—thought prudent and best. If you have a similar case "go thou and do likewise;" and as the Master was pleased with the woman who "did what she could," I will be satisfied. J. W. BEER.

Stockton, Cal., May 12, 1885.

Our Church Name.

There is a great deal of vagueness in this country, even among people where we associate, about our Church name. Here is an example we commend to the imitative ability of other brethren when we are yoked with other societies in such a manner as to occasion misunderstanding; it is clipped from the Hagerstown Daily News:

MESSRS. EDITORS: I notice in the list of collections lifted for the Orphan's Home, that we, as a church, are called the "Progressive German Baptist." This is not our name; our name is *The Brethren Church*, not German Baptist Brethren, nor French Brethren, &c., but simply *The Brethren Church*—only this and nothing more; under this name we have been incorporated; the name is also scriptural. If God and the United States recognize us, I am not asking too much, in asking that we be called by *our own name*. Any one wishing any information on the subject, can obtain it by addressing me a card; a postal card addressed to The Brethren Evangelist, Ashland, Ohio, will receive in return a copy of our church paper.

Truly Yours,
JOHN DUKE McFADEN

Pastor of The Brethren Church, Funkstown, Md.

What Kills a Cause.

Our German Baptist friends in this part of the country are making a great ado about the Brethren because they allow their sisters to wear hats. They claim that although we have the Gospel, this hat-wearing by our sisters is killing our cause. I would ask why it should be more hurtful to the Brethren cause than for the German Baptist. If it is indeed true, as they say, that the wearing of a hat is killing the cause, their cause, too, is dying. Perhaps it is; but it is not the hat that is killing it, but their inconsistency. Here in the East they will point the finger of scorn at a sister of the Brethren church because she wears a hat, but if one of their own sisters comes from a Western church wearing a hat, they will fellowship her. We read nothing in the Gospel about the sinfulness of hat wearing, but respect for persons, inconsistency, and street-corner religion is denounced in language that cannot be mistaken.

AN EASTERN BROTHER.

Meyerhoffer, Va.

To have what we want is riches, but to be able to do without is power.—GRANT.

It is a proof of high culture to say the greatest matters in the simplest way.—EMERSON.

Hypocrisy has become a fashionable vice, and all fashionable vices pass for virtues.—MOLIERE.

THE PULPIT TREASURY for June is promptly on our table, and is fresh and full of promise as a June morning. Dr. Whiterspoon, one of the great preachers of the South, is represented by a portrait, sermon, sketch of his life and a view of his church. Dr. Haygood discourses on God's Law of Love. Rev. C. Vince on the Father and the Little Ones—a service for Children's Day. Drs. Aikman and King furnish suitable reflection on National Blessings and Spiritual Emancipation—for Independence Day. Leading Thoughts of Sermons, full of spiritual marrow, are by Drs. MacArthur, Foster, Barrows, Moore, Meyer and Bishop Merrill. Other articles on Prophet versus Priest, the Power of our Preaching, Remedies for the evils of Divorce, Freshened Life, How to Secure Lively Devotion, etc. Every number of this monthly shows its sterling value, its evangelical vigor and its progressive spirit. Each department is packed and redolent with the Gospel.

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DIED.

MILLER.—Died in the Stillwater Church, Montgomery Co., O., Sister Anna Miller, wife of Bro. Jacob F. Miller, and the only child of Bro. David and Sister Mary Cripe. Sister Anna was born July 16th, 1852, and was married July 21st, 1870. United with the church, May 28th, 1871, and lived a devoted, Christian life. She loved the house of the Lord and was a regular attendant at the Sanctuary until the Master called her home to take her place in the upper Sanctuary. She took seriously ill about the first of February called the Elders on the 5th and was anointed with the oil in the name of the Lord. She lingered wasting away with consumption until the evening of the 7th of March, when she calmly fell asleep, no more to wake until the dawn of eternity's day. Sister Anna leaves a husband and two children, a son and daughter, and a large circle of friends to mourn their loss. She was the first one buried in the new cemetery at the new meeting house in the Stillwater District. Funeral by Bros. Wm Buckalew, A. Flory, and others, to a very large concourse of people, who came to honor her memory. Text, 1st Thes. 4:13. Her age was 32 years, 7 months, and 27 days. D. D. W.